



Commemoration of UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Saturday 17 October 2015, from 10:45am to 3pm
Human Rights and Poverty Stone Custom House Quay, Dublin 1

Special guests : Lord Mayor of Dublin, The High Hopes Choir, Rita Ann Higgins, Glenn Gannon, Shane, Pr Robert Walker (Oxford), #RolesWePlay project leaders

2015 Master of Ceremonies : Edel McGinley, Director of the Migrant Rights Centre Ireland

10.45 Songs by the **High Hopes Choir** (3 to 5 songs depending the time span of the songs)

11.05 Welcome by the **Master of Ceremonies** – with special welcome to friends from ATD UK and to the delegations from the different project in Ireland who are participating this year to the UN Day awareness programme of the DSP Social Inclusion division.

Reading of the message of the **President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins**

11.10 Address by **Lord Mayor of Dublin**

11.15 Song by **Neighbourhood Youth Project 2 (NYP2)** – based on Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen

11.20 The Master of Ceremonies introduces the **reading of the 17 October call** and the **minute of silence**

Proclamation of Joseph Wresinski's call engraved on the 17 October Human Rights and Poverty Stone:

*"Wherever men, women and children are condemned to live in poverty,
human rights and children rights are violated.*

To come together to ensure that these rights are respected is our solemn duty."

Read in 3 languages by children (close to stone – mobile microphones - in Irish, English and original French) + minute of silence

11.25 **Testimonies** from community members

- *Testimony from leaders of the #RolesWePlay project in London – All Together in Dignity UK*
- *Testimony by people involved in the High Hopes Choir and the design of the clients charter of Focus Ireland*
- *Testimony from young mothers with experience of Direct Provision – supported by the Dominican Justice Office*

11. 40 Music – **Irish School Coláiste Eoin**

- *Testimony from tenants who brought a Human Right case to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg – Cecilia Forestal - Community Action Network*
- *Testimony from the traveller community (Clondalkin Travellers Development Group)*
- *Testimony by Glenn Gannon (actor volunteering with Simon Community) and reading of an extract of the 1916 Proclamation*

11.55 Song by **Shane** - The Times They Are a-Changin' – Bob Dylan

12pm A presentation by the North West Inner City Training & Development Project (NWICTDP)
The Revolution will not be televised

12.05 Poems by Rita Ann Higgins

12.10 Proclamation of ***I Bear Witness to You***, Joseph Wresinski's address from 17 October 1987, read by **Professor Robert Walker, Oxford University**

Common gesture introduce by a Dochas Representant (TBC) : 17 dreams, 17 Goals, 17 October and 7 billion Roles to Play

Around 12.20pm - Concluding words by Master of Ceremonies + **invitation to light lunch**

Final song by the **SAOL Sisters** – May You Never – John Martyn

12.40 am – Coffee, Tea, Lunch in the Sheriff Youth Club Hall, Dublin 1

Presentation of the delegations from the different DSP funded project in Ireland

1.30pm to 3pm – #RolesWePlay to #EndPoverty workshop in CHQ Building, Dublin

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